

WI-299
Harrington Hill
Wetipquin
Private

c. 1880-90

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Harrington Hill

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-299

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-299

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Harrington Hill

and/or common Lillian Cooper House

2. Location

street & number West side of Royal Oak Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Wetipquin ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Russell C. and Phyllis M. Cooper

street & number 6241 Westbury Drive telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 44, P. 127
liber 1276

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 488

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Lillian Cooper house is located near the intersection of Wetipquin and Royal Oak roads in the community of Wetipquin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-part frame house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1880, the two-story, two-bay, one-room plan frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation and it is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the north gable end of the main house is a story-and-a-half one room plan wing.

The east (front) facade of the two-bay main block is defined by a five-panel door in the right bay flanked by a two-over-two sash window. The front door has ogee inset moldings that frame each panel. The second floor is lighted by a single, centrally positioned, two-over-two sash window. Extended eaves with exposed rafter ends finish the edge of the steeply pitched gable roof.

The south gable end is a blind weatherboard wall with an interior end brick stove chimney piercing the roofline. The edge of the roof is extended with the soffit open.

The rear wall is marked by single two-over-two sash windows on the first and second floors.

The north gable end of the main block is covered by the story-and-a-half frame wing, which appears to date from the same period as the main house. The east elevation is a two-bay facade with a five-panel door located in the left bay, and it is flanked by a two-over-two sash window. The door panels have the same ogee inset molding as the door in the main block. The knee wall is pierced by a two-pane window. The edge of the roof is finished in the same manner as the main block with extended eaves and exposed rafter ends.

Like the south gable end, the north end is a blind weatherboard wall with an interior end brick chimney rising through the roof.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Perched on a small knoll known as Harrington Hill, this two-story, two-bay frame house has been commonly called the Lillian Cooper house for the past several decades. While the original owner and builder of this house is uncertain, the two-story, two-part dwelling dates from the late years of the nineteenth century. The tall one-room plan main block is extended to the north with story-and-a-half one-room plan wing features the same exterior features included extended eaves with exposed rafter ends, gable end stove flues, and five-panel doors with ogee inset moldings. Lillian Cooper's association with the property began in 1931, when she and her husband Frederick C. Cooper purchased the 3/4-acre parcel.(1)

The house qualifies for listing in *Category B*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved for their architectural and/or historical merit. This two-part dwelling represents the type of house erected for lower class white or black families that occupied small acre or half-acre parcels.

1 Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 168/351, 5/13/1931, Wicomico County Land Record.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Harrington Hill
Lillian Cooper House
Wetipquin
Chain of title

Map 44, Parcel 127

1276/488

Lillian E. Cooper

to

1/9/1992

Russell C. Cooper
Phyllis M. Cooper

Being the same lands described as Items 1, 2,4, and 5
in a deed dated 5/6/1980, AS 942/354

AJS 942/354

Lillian E. Cooper

to

5/6/1980

Russell C. Cooper
Phyllis M. Cooper

Life estate for Lillian E. Cooper

3/4 acre being Item First in a deed from James P. Bailey
to Oscar C. Hurley as a life tenant, and then to Lillian E.
Cooper and Fred C. Cooper, 7/24/1958, JWTS 453/349

Item One: Harrington Hill

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Chain of title continued

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IDT 168/351

Hettie M. Hurley
Ernest Hurley

to

5/13/1931

Frederick C. Cooper
Lillian E. Cooper

near Messick's Methodist Episcopal Church

JCK 128/292

Norman Hurley
Susie Hurley

to

1/6/1923

Hettie M. Hurley

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Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
1983







